

Bylaws of the Board

Public and Executive Sessions

All meetings, as defined in the Freedom of Information statutes, of the Woodbridge Board of Education shall be open to the public with the exception of executive sessions which shall be held as consistent with law. A chance or social meeting, a caucus or a discussion of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining are not defined as “meetings” under the Freedom of Information Act.

Executive Sessions

The public may be excluded from meetings of the Board of Education which are declared to be executive sessions. Executive sessions may be held on a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting taken at a public meeting for one or more of the following reasons, consistent with law:

1. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may **require request** that discussion be held at an open (public) meeting.
2. Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation, as defined by law.
3. Matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting public security.
4. Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate when publicity regarding such subjects would cause a likelihood of increased price until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned.
5. Discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information therein described in Connecticut General Statutes section 1-19(b).

At an executive session of the Board of Education, attendance shall be limited to members of the Board and persons invited by the Board to present testimony or opinion pertinent to matters before the Board, provided that such persons’ attendance shall be limited to the period for which their presence is necessary to present such testimony or opinion; minutes of executive sessions shall disclose all persons in attendance with the exception of job applicants who attend the executive session to be interviewed by the Board.

- (cf. 1330 Use of School Facilities)
- (cf. [9314](#) Suspension of Policies, Bylaws, Regulations)
- (cf. [9321](#) Time, Place, and Notification for Meetings)
- (cf. [9323](#) Agenda Construction/Advance Delivery of Meeting Materials)
- (cf. [9324](#) Meeting Conduct & Parliamentary Procedure)
- (cf. 9325.1 Quorum)
- (cf. [9325.2](#) Order of Business)

(cf. 9326 Minutes)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

- [1-206](#) Denial of access to public records or meetings.
- [1-210](#) Access to public records.
- [1-225](#) Meetings of government agencies to be public.
- [1-226](#) Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings.
- [1-231](#) Executive sessions.
- [19a-342](#) Smoking prohibited in certain places.

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